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THE SOCIAL SEASON.

Everything points to a brilliant and interesting winter in this city. The relations between the President and both branches of Congress, are yet to be developed, will bring an unusual number of visitors to the Capital, not only those who are interested in governmental affairs, but those who wish to spend the season where prominent people most do congregate, and where opportunities of forming their acquaintances are good.

The opening of the National Rides fair this evening affords another of the opportunities to which the good people of Washington are never slow in responding. To show their appreciation of a model military company and their loyal friendship for a war officer, the members of the Capital City are justly proud of the military, and the latter never fail to do credit to the Capital. The bazaar to be opened to-night is attractive and brilliant. All classes of citizens have co-operated in securing its success. The liberality of the merchants has not contributed more than the industry of the ladies. Everybody wishes the Rides prosper and everybody feels that they deserve it.

The scheme of Senator Stanford of California for the establishment of a university in that State is of grand proportions. Its comprehensiveness can only be measured by the amount of money he proposes to put into it, and three and a half millions of dollars toward the endowment are already in sight. He will have no difficulty in erecting an institution, which in the extent of its area and grandeur of its architecture and vastness of its appointments, shall throw the combined universities of Europe into the shade, provided the necessary funds are forthcoming; but whether it would be a wise and profitable investment is quite another thing. The chances are that it would prove a flat failure.

The Diplomatic Corps is always a mighty adjunct to the social season. They give some of the largest entertainments which take place in the city. When members of the Corps make their first appearance here this is especially the case; and there are a number of new foreign representatives who will establish themselves in social life this winter. The army and navy are also highly important factors in a Washington season. Some of the most elaborate entertainments are given by one of these two branches of the service many of those who are on the retired list either locate here permanently or spend part of the season with us. They will be found as usual adjacent to the gayety of society winter carnival. And under the changes made by the present Administration new army and navy officers on the active list are stationed among us, who will enter with zest into the enjoyments of the hour.

Evidently the coming season in Washington will not only go out in a blaze of glory, but during its continuance be conducted under electric lights of uncommon brilliancy.

FERDINAND WARD HAS FULLY ENTERED upon his new life in that celebrated institution with the melodious name of Sing Sing. His present experience is certainly different from any that he has ever had before. He will not think bags of cash, but the rhythm of his hammer as he rivets together rude pieces of stove-work will make music for his ear. He will not sleep late as he did in Ludlow Street Jail, but will arise at the early hour of 5:30 a. m. in advance of the larks. Neither will he toilet be leisurely made, nor clad in comfortable dressing-gown, will he slip his chocolate and dip into the morning papers as a dainty breakfast is preparing for him. He will have to hustle around at a ready rate, clean up his cell and get ready for a breakfast at a quarter-past six. That meal will not consist of warm cakes, fine fresh toast, Mocha coffee, a tenderloin done to a turn, a savory bit of fish or an omelette soufflé. He will incorporate into his system a pot of coffee without milk, but enough of a fluid to wash down the coarse pebbles and grimey bread, with which it is flanked. His dinner will be no six-course affair, with wine and libations, and a soothing Reims Victoria afterwards. He will wrestle with a shoulder cut of roast beef, leeks, bread, coffee and potatoes. For his supper he will have bread and some more coffee-grounds.

YESTERDAY MR. WARD WENT THROUGH with these three meals and also a march with his fellow prisoners in the lock-step style to chapel where he listened to a sermon upon the ways of the transgressor. He read a little, but spent most of his time in meditation. He doubtless had several things to think about.

THE CELL IN WHICH HE WAS PLACED and which he will occupy for several days, contains another prisoner, a man who is doing eight years at hard labor for assault and battery. Ward evidently does not like his companion, but has made no protest. One of the cells adjoining that in which he is confined has for an inmate a man sentenced to three years for a burglary, while on the other side of him is a "life man" who was found guilty of manslaughter in the first degree.

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PEOPLE IN GENERAL.

THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK is creating a number of cabinet appointments. It is estimated that it will require \$100,000 to run the executive government of New York next year.

J. H. LITTLEWOOD, the Philadelphia publisher, has purchased the Boston edition of the Pennsylvania Evening Citizen. THOMAS A. EDISON'S RETURN, a lively old gentleman of eighty-two, whose home is in Michigan, is now in New York on a visit.

REVEREND BISHOP PARSONS preached yesterday morning in Trinity Church, Boston, and last evening at Appleton Chapel, Cambridge. MR. JOHN KELLY had a slight cold on Friday, but was better Saturday. He will leave on his trip to Boston about November 20.

MR. DANIEL H. MACKEY contributes to the Independent a noble tribute to the character and memory of the late George S. Messersmith, a member of the Massachusetts assembly, a "perfectly safe boy's gun." But a perfectly safe boy is very unsafe when he has a gun.—(Northwestern Herald).

C. M. LEWIS, the Yale class post of 1885, is the brother of J. M. Lewis, the class post of 1886, and they are the sons of C. T. Lewis, the class post of 1857.

GENERAL BENJAMIN F. BEECHER will celebrate his birthday on Thursday, November 8, and at the same time the youngsters of the Yale class have begun the calling of the state of the late Senator Benjamin H. Hill, which is to be finished for Atlanta by the scholar Doyle, is about eight feet high and represents the Senator standing in the yard with his overcoat thrown carelessly over one arm.

THE DEATH OF General William T. Sherman is a great loss to the country. During the last month a great deal of work has been done in the city and in the country. The opening of the National Rides fair this evening affords another of the opportunities to which the good people of Washington are never slow in responding.

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